

VIII.—*Systematically arranged Catalogue of the Mammalia and Birds belonging to the Museum of the Asiatic Society, Calcutta. By Dr. W. Warlow.*

MAMMALIA.

Ord. CARNASSIERS.

Fam. Cheiroptera. Gen. Galeopithecus.

Galeopithecus vulgaris. The Colugo.

Fam. Insectivora. Gen. Sorex.

Sorex giganteus, Geoff. Indian Shrew.

Fam. Carnivora. Tribe Plantigrada. Gen. Ictides.

Ictides ater. This specimen was presented to the Society by Col. Farquhar under the title of long-tailed Bear of Malacca, and has been described by Sir S. Raffles as the “Benturong” in the 13th vol. of the Transactions of the Linnæan Society. Sir Stamford is incorrect in his enumeration of the molar teeth, which are not six on each side in both jaws; there being six in the upper and only five in the lower. In every other particular his description corresponds. The exact number of teeth in *Ictides* I am unacquainted with. Baron Cuvier’s account would lead me to the supposition that there are six in each jaw, as in *Procyon*, whilst I find in the Bulletin Universel, that the teeth are 18 in number in each jaw, namely six incisors, two canines, and 10 molars. There can be no doubt of the identity of the specimen with the *Ictides ater* of Frederick Cuvier, though it may be necessary to separate the latter from the species with which it has been generically connected.

Tribe Digitigrada. Gen. Lutra.

Lutra nair, F. Cuvier, Indian Otter.

Gen. Viverra.

Viverra Bengalensis, Hardw.

Gen. Felis.

Felis kutas, Pearson.

Felis catus, a variety of the common cat?

Ord. MARSUPIALIA.

Fam. Dasyuridæ. Gen. Thylacinus.

Thylacinus striatus. Zebra Thylacine. *Didelphis cynocephalus*, Harris.

Ord. RODENTIA.

Gen. Rhizomys, Gray.

Rhizomys Sumatrensis. Bambu Rat, Raffles. This specimen has also been described by Sir S. Raffles, and from his description, Mr. Gray has referred it to his new genus *Khizomys*, adding however a note of interrogation as to the correctness of the location. It certainly does belong to the genus, but it would be very desirable that a specimen should be sent to Mr. Gray, especially as it is by no means clear that it may not be identical with his *R. Chinensis*.

Gen. Hystrix, Subg. Atherina.

Atherina fasciculata. Brush-tailed Porcupine.

Ord. EDENTATA.

Gen. Manis.

Manis pentadactyla. The short-tailed Pangolin.

*Ord. MONOTREMA.**Gen. Echidna.**Echidna Hystrix.* Porcupine Echidna.*Ord. RUMINANTIA.**Gen. Moschus.**Moschus Javanicus.* The Kaunchil.*Gen. Bos.*

Bos Bufulus. }
— Taurus. } Monstrous specimens of the Ox and Buffalo.

*Ord. CETACEA.**Gen. Delphinorhynchus.**Delphinorhynchus Gangeticus.* Indian Dolphin.

BIRDS.

*Ord. II. INSESSORES.**Tribus 1. Fissirostres.**I. Fam. Meropidae. Gen. Merops.**Merops viridis.* Indian Bee-Eater.*Gen. Alcedo.**Alcedo Bengalensis.* Indian Kingfisher.*Gen. Halcyon.**Halcyon Smyrnensis.* Smyrna Kingfisher.*Gen. Dacelo.**Dacelo gigantea.* Great Brown Kingfisher.*Tribus 2. Dentirostres.**I. Fam. Muscicapidae. Gen. Muscipeta.**Muscipeta caerulea.* Azure Fly-catcher.*II. Fam. Laniadæ Subf. Dicrurina. Gen. Dicrurus.**Dicrurus macrocercus.**III. Fam. Merulidæ Subf. Oriolina. Gen. Oriolus.**Oriolus Melanocephalus.**IV. Fam. Sylviadæ. Gen. Jora.**Jora Scapularis.**Gen. Accentor.**Accentor modularis?**V. Fam. Pipridæ. Gen. Parus.**Parus cristatus.* Crested Titmouse.*Tribus 3. Subf. Alaudina. Gen. Alauda.**Alauda cristata.* Crested Lark.*Gen. Emberiza.**Emberiza Bengalensis.**III. Fam. Cvidæ. Subf. Gen. Barita.**Barita Destructor.**— Tibicen.**Subf. Corvina. Gen. Pica.**Pica vagabunda.* The Rufous Crow.*Subf. Coraciana. Gen. Coracias.**Coracias Bengalensis.* Bengal Roller.*V. Fam. Loxiadæ. Gen. Cocothraustes.**Cocothraustes vulgaris.* Common Grosbeak.

Tribus 5. Scansores.

II. Fam. Psittacidæ Subf. Psittacina. Gen. Psittacus.

Psittacus erythrocephalus. The grey Parrot or Jaco.

Subf. Palæornina. Gen. Nanodes.

Nanodes pulchellus. The Turcosine Parrakeet.

Gen. Platycercus.

Platycercus eximius. Nonpareil Parrakeet.

Gen. Palæornis.

Palæornis flavirostris. Yellow-colored Parrakeet.— *erythrocephalus.* Blossom-headed Parrakeet.

III. Fam. Picadæ. Gen. Bucco.

Bucco Philippensis. Yellow-throated Barbet.— *Gyanops,* Cuv.

Gen. Picus.

Picus viridis. Green Woodpecker.— *tiga.* Horsfield.

IV. Fam. Certhiadæ. Gen. Upupa.

Upupa Epopa. The Hoopoe.

V. Fam. Cuculidæ. Gen. Cuculus.

*Cuculus Orientalis.**Coromandus.* Colored Cuckoo.

Gen. Centropus.

Centropus Philippensis. Philippine Cuckow.— *Gigas?*

Tribus 5. Tenuirostres.

V. Fam. Meliphagidæ. Gen. Melithreptus, (Vieill.)

Melitreptus Nova Hollandia.

Gen. Orcadion, Vieill.

Orcadion carunculatus. Wattled Bee-eater, Lath.

Gen. Prinia, Horsf.

Prinia familiaris.

Ord. III. RASORES.

I. Fam. Columbidæ. Gen. Treron, (Vinago, Cuv.)

Treron militaris. Saint Thomas' Pigeon. The Green Pigeon.

II. Fam. Phasianidæ. Gen. Tragopan, Cuv.

Tragopan Satyrus. The Nipal Pheasant.

III. Fam. Tetraonidæ. Gen. Perdix.

Perdix Chukar, Gray. Chukar Partridge.

Gen. Ortygis.

Ortygis Pugnax. The fighting Quail.

Ord. IV. GRALLATORES.

II. Fam. Ardeidæ. Gen. Platalea.

Platalea leucorodia. The Spoonbill.

Gen. Ciconia.

Ciconia leucocephala. The Violet Stork, or *Manikjore* of the Natives.

Gen. Ibis.

Ibis falcinellus. The Green Ibis.

IV. Fam. Rallidæ. Gen. Parra.

Parra Melanochloris. Indian Jacana.— *Chinensis.* Chinese Jacana.— *Africana?**Gen. Porphyrio.**Porphyrio Indicus.* Indian Porphyris.*Gen. Crex.**Crex porzana.* Spotted Gallinule.*III. Fam. Scolapacidæ. Gen. Totanus.**Totanus Glottis.* Green-shank Snipe.*V. Fam. Charadriadæ. Gen. Vanellus.**Vanellus macroptera,* Cuv. *V. Tricolor,* Horsf.*Gen. Charadrius.**Charadrius morinellus.* The Dottrel.*Gen. Himantopus.**Himantopus melanopterus,* Tem. Long-legged Plover.*Ord. V. NATATORES.**I. Fam. Anatidæ. Gen. Clangula.**Clangula Histrionica.* Harlequin Duck.*Gen. Fulgula.**Fulgula rufina.* Red-crested Pochard.*Gen. Marcia.**Marcia cana (et Casarca),* Brown. Grey-headed Goose. The Brahminee Duck.— *arcuata.* Anas Sili, Ham.*Gen. Querquedula.**Querquedula Crecca.* Common Teal.*IV. Fam. Pelecanidæ. Gen. Phalacrocorax.**Phalacrocorax vulgaris.* The Cormorant.*V. Fam. Laridæ. Gen. Sterna.**Sterna Hirundo.* The Great Tern.*Gen. Diomedea.**Diomedea exulans.* Wandering Albatross.

I am aware that in the preceding list there are a few omissions and there may be some errors, but I have not at present the opportunity of correcting the one or supplying the other. The list should also have comprised the reptiles, of which the Museum contains some very fine specimens.

IX.—EUROPEAN NOTICES OF INDIAN NATURAL HISTORY.

1.—*The Dugong.*

The animal sent home preserved in spirits by Mr. G. SWINTON, in 1830, to Mr. J. ROBISON, Secretary of the Edinburgh Royal Society, was delivered over to Dr. KNOX, for dissection. That eminent anatomist writes to Mr. ROBISON in the following terms :

“ This very splendid gift to science can be appreciated only by those who, having visited inter-tropical climates and warm countries, generally know well the extreme difficulty of procuring, preserving, and transmitting specimens such as the Dugong,